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**Request for Continued Examination**

This is a Request for Continuing Examination of the above-identified application.

Please extend the term for action by 2 months now to expire on October 1, 2001. Please charge the \$400 fee and the RCE filing fee which are currently in effect, to deposit account No. 060923. If the petition for Reconsideration filed on the same day as this Request, is granted, this RCE will become unnecessary and in that case please consider this writing as a simple response to the last Office letter.

Claims 4, 6, and 11-16 are in the application. Please enter the amendment of the claims filed on June 11, 2002.

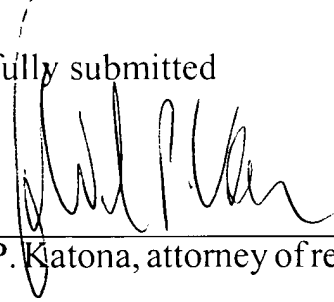
The pH used by the Jekkel reference is not relevant, as long as it does not employ all of the steps of claim 12 which are representing the salient features of the present invention, namely "carrying out the dissolving at a pH between about 8 and 9, and carrying out the separating of the mevinolin at a pH of between 4.5 and 2." In contrast to the express requirement of the aforementioned second step, Jekkel does not acidify to a pH of between 4.5 and 2 or any other acid pH, to separate the mevinolin.

The Polya declaration also establishes the superior results obtained by the process of the present invention over the results obtained in accordance with the process of Jekkel et al. which does not separate "the mevinolin at a pH of between 4.5 and 2" or for that matter at any other acid pH.

In view of the foregoing, the allowance of claims 4, 6, and 11-16 is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted

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It is hereby certified that this is being mailed on October 1, 2002.

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